(Nine 1/2 Lives at least)

'Speed Bumps' -

About 1927 I Started off with Scarlet Fever + then Diptheria - Measels - Mumps - Chicken Pox - Whooping Cough + at Night the Bed Bugs would eat you up. It was a way of life in the Depression Years. You would always see the ~~Red~~ Red quarentine signs on the Front Doors. I'm 82 now + I can only work part times on Cars + Trucks. I broke my left Thumb twice, my pointing Finger on my right Hand when a guy started a car up while I was putting on a Fan Belt. A Rear Spring Spredder on + old Ford Truck broke + mashed my left Foot + broke 4 of my Toes. My left Hand was sewed up twice. We were playing in a Sand Fill 'Foremens Dump' A Guy was ~~shot~~ shooting at Rats with a little 'Cat & Rat Rifle' I must have gotten in his way, he shot me in my left Ancle. I never told my Mother I was Shot in my left Thigh in Landa Germany. They gave me 183 Shots of Penniciliin. I was in a Hospital in Wrtzburg Germany. Broke my Jaw on a Foot Socker at Fort Custer Mich. Had my Head Sticked up 4 four times. One of those times is when I dived in Shallow Water at Elk Neck State Park. They talked me into going to the Hopital at Elkton to be sewed up. I never went back. 'Jerry Devers' took them out with a Razor Blade + Tweezers. Steel cut out of my Eyes

Four times. Car fell on me when a Chain broke at Hoffbergers Garage Collapsing my left Lung & Fracturing three Ribs. Knocked down by a Car on Highland Ave as a Kid. Drowned behind Continental Can Co. with my Two Brothers. Junior & Pep. Drowned in Herring Run Park under a Log Jam Fortunately we were pumped out & we all lived. Mashed all my Finger Nails off at least twice. Car Battery Blew up at Gulfway Bus Co where I worked in Pikesville, & temporaily blinding me for Two days. Nearly Decapitated by a wire in Belgium while standing in back of army Truck. Saved from sudden Death by Joe on Rt. 50 by Tractor Trailer. Saved from Sudden Death by Joe on Ebenezer Rd by Freight Train. Set on Fire when Steam Cleaner Blew up at Greibel Motors 1958. Severly burned when Welding Torch ~~caught~~ caught fire at Diamond Cab Co. Broke three teeth out when big Ratchet broke at Tower Ford Truck Shop. I slammed a Phone down on an Irate Customer at Tower Ford Truck Shop. Received Eleven Stiches on my right hand. Jumped out of a Pick Up Truck Bed & twisted my left ancle so bad I was on crutches for Six weeks. Never Missed Work. Took 220 Volts while working on Sharons Dryer. & also had a double by pass at U. of Md. Broke my Nose at Camp Skokie Valley

in Illinois in Basic Training & swallowed a Finishing Nail in Shop Class in 1942 & its never been found. Mabey thats why & get this sharp pain in my right side about once a year. They say & had a Heart Attack & still think & had Indigestion. & have a 4 inch scar on my back. & got that as a kid We would run & slide across this Dance Floor at Patterson Park. Back to the Hospital they had to cut it out - Splinter was about Six inches long. Like & always say if & knew & would have lived this long & would have taken better care of myself. & wouldn't have missed it for the world.

Jim Sr.

My Hearing & Eyesite are failing & & get terrible Headaches once in a while. My Van has 241,000 miles on it & guess were both living on Borrowed Time.